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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand access to healthy afterschool meals for school children in working families.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Afterschool Flexibility
5 to Expand Reimbursement for School Meals Act of 2009”
6 or the “AFTERSchool Meals Act of 2009”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK SCHOOL CHILDREN.**

8 Section 17(r)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National
9 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(r)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) PROGRAM EXPANSION.—Beginning with the first full school year after the date of enactment of the Afterschool Flexibility to Expand Reimbursement for School Meals Act of 2009, the Secretary shall expand reimbursement under this subsection for meals served under a program to institutions located in any State that elects to participate under this subsection.”.

**SEC. 3. MEALS AND MEAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR CHILDREN
IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE.**

Section 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766a) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**MEAL SUPPLEMENTS**” and inserting “**MEALS AND MEAL SUPPLEMENTS**”;

(2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “meal supplements” and inserting “meals and meal supplements”;

1 (3) in subsection (b), by inserting “reimbursed
2 under subsection (c) and meals reimbursed under
3 subsection (e)” after “supplements”;

4 (4) in subsection (d), by striking the subsection
5 heading and all that follows through “The require-
6 ments” and inserting the following:

7 “(d) CONTENTS OF MEALS AND MEAL SUPPLE-
8 MENTS.—

9 “(1) MEALS.—The Secretary shall prescribe re-
10 quirements for contents of meals served under sub-
11 section (e).

12 “(2) MEAL SUPPLEMENTS.—The require-
13 ments”; and

14 (5) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(e) MEAL REIMBURSEMENT.—

16 “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible elementary
18 or secondary school may claim reimbursement
19 under this section only for 1 meal per child per
20 day served under a program organized pri-
21 marily to provide care to at-risk school children
22 (as defined in section 17(r)(1)) during after-
23 school hours, weekends, or holidays during the
24 regular school year.

1 “(B) RATES.—A meal shall be reimbursed
2 under this subsection at the rate established for
3 free lunches and suppers under section 17(c).

4 “(C) NO CHARGE.—A meal claimed for re-
5 imbursement under this subsection shall be
6 served without charge.

7 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall limit
8 reimbursement under this subsection for meals
9 served under a program to eligible schools located in
10 the States described in section 17(r)(5).

11 “(3) GRANT PROGRAM.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
13 carry out a program under which the Secretary
14 shall award 1-year grants to States described in
15 section 17(r)(5) to encourage schools and insti-
16 tutions in the States to participate in the pro-
17 grams under this section and section 17(r).

18 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
19 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
20 priated such sums as are necessary to carry out
21 this paragraph.”.

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